

DETAILED ACTION

Drawings

1. The drawings filed 05/22/2006 are acceptable.

Examiner's Amendment

2. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Mr. Joseph Green (60,197) on 10/29/2010.

Cancel non-elected claims 18-27.

Allowable Subject Matter

3. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

In a manufacturing method of a hermetic plastic zipper, the prior art does not teach or make obvious the concept of that while the engaging portions are brought into an engaged state, the portion of the plastic zipper where the readily peelable plastic layer exists is inserted between an ultrasonic horn and an anvil, and the readily peelable layer is welded by using ultrasonic wave under a condition wherein the distance L between the ultrasonic horn and the anvil is uniformly held at a distance of $H \geq L \geq 0.85H$ wherein H

stands for a maximum thickness of the plastic zipper under the engaged state, and the plastic zipper sandwiched between the ultrasonic horn and the anvil is moved in a lengthwise direction thereof, whereby the readily peelable plastic layer is welded continuously in a lengthwise direction of the zipper in the manner claimed by the applicant.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Telephone/Fax

4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to James Sells whose telephone number is (571) 272-1237. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Phil Tucker can be reached on (571) 272-1095. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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